

1-00 P.M.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY**(but not taken up)****Murders taken place during the last two years in the Aesalur Police Range Area of Saklespur.*****Q.—507. Sri B. H. LAKSHMANAIAH (Belur).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of murders that have taken place during the last two years in the Aesalur Police Range area of Saklespur Taluk;

(b) the number of cases in respect of which charge sheets have been filed during the said period ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—(a) *Number of murder cases reported*

1962	...	4
1963	...	3

(b) *Number of cases charge-sheeted*

1962	...	4
1963	...	3

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now calling attention to a matter of urgent importance.**Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance,****Re:** Sinking of launch in Sharavathy river between Honnavar and Kasaragod.**Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR (Kumta).**— I request the permission of the Chair to call attention to a matter of urgent importance under rule 63, namely the sinking of the launch in Sharavathy river between Honnavara and Kasargod recently, resulting in the death of a number of persons, and action taken by the Government in finding out the cause for the mishap and the relief given to the victims.† **Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).**—**Mr. Speaker, Sir,** in response to calling attention, I submit that it is a very bad incident. At about 1 p. m. on 23rd March 1964 a ferry launch sank in Sharavathy river between Honnavara and Kasargod. In that ferry there were about 33 people sailing. It is reported up till now and during the course of the investigation it is revealed that there were 33 people out of whom 27 were traced and six dead bodies are also traced. The incident took

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place on account of the dash between two pillars which are under construction in Sharavathy river pillars Nos. 5 and 6 of the six persons whose dead bodies were found; three are females and 2 boys and one girl. The investigation so far revealed that this incident was the result of the ferry hitting between the 5th and 6th pillar. This has been registered under Crime No. 14 of 1964 under section 304 Part A, I. P. C. Honnavar Police are investigating. The Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Superintendent of Police were there immediately after this incident was reported to them. They are taking every step to see that it is properly investigated. About 20 people who have been rescued are examined during the course of the investigation. Still more are to be examined and at the same time as to how many were exactly there in the boat has not yet been completely ascertained. Every effort is being made to ascertain the exact number. One more thing is, almost all the villagers who are on the bank are alerted to be watchful for any dead body found anywhere near about the village. These are the steps that are taken and the Government is keen to find out the exact number and the exact cause for this accident.

Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR.—May I know whether the pillars were visible or not?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That can be ascertained. Even if they are not visible, they can be traced.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—What about the payment of compensation to the people who have lost their lives?

Mr. SPEAKER.—By whom?

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—It is the ultimate responsibility of Government. Government must examine that question.

Sri B. P. KADAK (Karwar).—Would the Government conduct a judicial enquiry into this matter?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—At the most we can hold a magisterial enquiry.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—I had given a notice of calling attention regarding the statement by the Railway Minister about Hassan-Mangalore Railway. I wanted to call the attention of the Chief Minister to make a statement on that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes so far as the non-official resolution is concerned, 4½ hours have been exhausted. That leaves on hand 1½ hours. I suppose that will be adequate enough.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ (ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಪುರ).—ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಜನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಮಾತನಾಡುವವರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಕಾಲವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರನ್ನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum-I).—Yesterday there was no speaker at all on this resolution. Now the Congress Party appears to have decided not to allow any other resolution, especially our resolution to come up on the floor of the House. It is not a fair dealing so far as the Opposition is concerned and I protest for the extension of any time for the present resolution.